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NOFORN FROM THURSTON.

IT SEEMS TO GENERAL NORSTAD AND MYSELF THAT SUGGESTIONS  
MADE IN BERLIN'S 360 TO DEPT FOR WESTERN INITIATIVE IN  
PROPOSING 4-POWER CONFERENCE ON GER QUESTION IN IMMEDIATE  
FUTURE HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT AND SHOULD BE GIVEN URGENT  
CONSIDERATION.

SITUATION IN BERLIN ITSELF IS SUCH THAT SOVIETS AND GDR  
CAN APPLY PRESSURES ON US LEADING TO SERIES OF CAPITULATIONS  
ON ISSUES WHICH MAY NOT SEEM IN OUR EYES AND THOSE OF  
ALLIES TO JUSTIFY RESORT TO FORCE OR OTHER RISKY COUNTER-  
MEASURES. OUR OVER-ALL POLITICAL, MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL  
POSITION IN GER IS, HOWEVER, STILL STRONG. THEREFORE  
WE ARE TO TAKE FORTHRIGHT STAND ON BERLIN QUESTION  
AS RECOMMENDED IN BERLIN'S REFTEL, AND MAKE CLEAR OUR  
DETERMINATION TO REMAIN THERE, WE CAN GET MAXIMUM  
SUPPORT FROM OUR ALLIES BY PROCLAIMING TO WORLD:

(1) THE READINESS OF THE U.S., U.K. AND FRANCE TO MAKE  
A FRESH START TO REACH WITH SOVIETS ON OVER-ALL GER  
SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF (A) THE RIGHTS  
OF GERS TO ACHIEVE UNITY IN PEACE AND FREEDOM, AND (B)  
EUROPEAN SECURITY. (WE COULD PROPOSE OUR INTENTION OF  
ASKING GER EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF  
WESTERN DELEGATIONS, LEAVING IT TO SOVIETS TO TAKE SIMILAR  
ACTION.)

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(2) THE JEOPARDY TO EUROPEAN PEACE AND SECURITY INVOLVED IN AN ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO IN BERLIN UNTIL GER SETTLEMENT IS REACHED.

WE BELIEVE ANY PROPOSAL ON OUR PART FOR 4-POWER CONFERENCE (WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD BE AT FONMIN LEVEL) MUST BE MADE IN VERY NEAR FUTURE IF WE ARE TO AVOID GIVING APPEARANCE THAT PROPOSAL IS LAST-GASP MEASURE BY ALLIES IN FACE OF SOVIET-GDR ACTIONS. SMIRNOV DEMARCHE TO ADENAUER INDICATED SOVIETS WILL COME UP SOON WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS, AND WE SHOULD ENDEAVOUR MAKE OUR OWN MOVE BEFORE WE ARE BACKED INTO EMBARRASSING CORNER RE GDR PERSONNEL AT CONTROL POINTS IN EAST GERMANY, ACCEPTANCE GDR VISAS, ETC.

EMBASSY AND USRO WILL COMMENT SEPARATELY.

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